

Maidenhead
11 Jan. 1864

My dear Sis'

To use an old fashioned phrase "I have made bold" to keep your valuable book already longer than I intended, and shall make still bolder not to return it till the end of this week.

I have not been able to use it, because I have been ill in bed with a very severe cold which attacked me in all sorts of ways.

Now, though still far from recovery I am obliged

to go to London for a day or two in order to give away my orphan niece in marriage to a very respectable man, the only draw-back being that he is nearly twice her age.

If it be inconvenient to you to spare the book for so long, let me know, and I will return it, and borrow it again. With many thanks, I remain

Yours very faithfully
J. Payne Collier
(my birth-day)
S. H. Hartlove Esq. 75.